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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

EVEN IN THE CONTEXT OF A CABLE REPORTING ON FUENTES' NEW ASSIGNMENT, I WAS SADDENED TO BE REMINDED OF THE ANCIENT CHARGES AGAINST HIM IN REFTEL. THEY SHOULD BE BENEATH OR BEHIND US. FUENTES IS BY ALL ODDS ONE OF THE GREAT CONTEMPORARY WRITERS OF LATIN AMERICA, AND LATIN AMERICA IS A PART OF THE WORLD WHICH, WHATEVER ELSE ONE MAY SAY ABOUT IT, REVERES ITS CREATIVE GENIUSES. OUR SHABBY TREATMENT OF HIM IN THE PAST HAS COST US DEARLY. I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS COUNTRY IN THE FUTURE WILL ONLY SHOW HIM OUR SUNNY RESPECTFUL SIDE. I HAVE KNOWN FUENTES FOR YEARS. AS AMBASSADOR JOVA REPORTS, HE IS INDEED INTELLIGENT, BUT HE IS MORE THAN THAT. HE HAS A PERCEPTION OF THE DYNAMIC COMPLEXITY OF HIS OWN COUNTRY, AND HIS COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH OUR OWN, WHICH IS WORTHY OF OUR CAREFUL ATTENTION AND PROFOUND RESPECT. INGERSOLL

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